

## § 307.21

(including hypothesis testing models) and descriptive analyses, as opposed to theoretical studies, forecasting models, and “how to” guides.

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### § 307.21 Award requirements.

(a) Assistance under this program will normally be for a period not exceeding 15 months.

(b) EDA will provide grants and cooperative agreements covering up to 100 percent of project costs.

## Subpart E—Economic Development Districts, American Indian Tribes and Redevelopment Areas—Economic Development Planning Grants

### § 307.22 Purpose and scope.

The primary objective of planning assistance for administrative expenses is to support the formulation and implementation of economic development planning programs designed to create or retain permanent jobs and income, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the most distressed areas. Planning activities supported by these administrative funds must be part of a permanent and continuous process involving significant leadership by public officials and private citizens.

### § 307.23 Definitions.

(a) Category A grants means those made to Economic Development Districts and Redevelopment Areas; and

(b) Category B grants means those made to American Indian Tribes.

### § 307.24 Applicants.

Eligible applicants are economic development district organizations, redevelopment areas, organizations representing redevelopment areas (or parts of such areas), American Indian tribes, organizations representing multiple American Indian tribes, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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### § 307.25 Selection process.

EDA invites currently funded grantees to apply if they are in compliance with their current financial assistance awards. EDA will select projects in accordance with § 304.1 of this chapter.

### § 307.26 Evaluation criteria.

(a) In addition to and/or as an elaboration of the evaluation criteria set forth in part 304 of this chapter and to the extent practicable, EDA will evaluate applicants on the following:

(1) Quality of the proposed work program;

(2) Management and staff capacity and qualifications;

(3) Involvement of the local leadership in the applicant's economic development activities; and

(b) Previously funded grantees, in addition to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, will be evaluated on the basis of the quality of their past performance.

### § 307.27 Award requirements.

(a) Assistance will normally be for a 12-month period.

(b) Grant assistance may be provided for up to 75 percent of project costs for Category A grants with the applicant required to provide the remaining share from non-federal sources. Category B grant assistance may be provided for up to 100 percent of project costs.

(c) EDA will make annual determinations of satisfactory performance, and periodically conduct on-site performance appraisals.

### § 307.28 Limitations.

(a) Except as set forth in paragraph (b) of this section, no planning grants to economic development district organizations will be extended unless at least three-fourths of the counties within the district boundaries indicate, by resolution or other appropriate document, their commitment to support the activities of the district.

(b) Where a sufficient number of counties have withdrawn from the district to make compliance with this three-fourths requirement impossible or unreasonable, EDA may fund the continuing committed counties in the

name of the original district organization if EDA determines that the remaining counties can meet the requirements for authorizing and designating economic development districts, as set forth in part 302 of this chapter.

### Subpart F—State and Urban Economic Development Planning Grants

#### § 307.29 Purpose and scope.

Planning assistance is to strengthen significant economic development planning capability and initiatives of eligible applicants to ensure a more productive use of available resources in reducing the effects of economic problems by formulation and implementation of an economic development program. Assistance must be part of a continuous process involving significant local leadership from public officials and private citizens and should include efforts to reduce unemployment and increase incomes. These efforts should be systematic and coordinated when applicable, with other planning organizations in the area, and should strengthen the planning capabilities of applicants.

#### § 307.30 Applicants.

Eligible applicants under this program are as follows:

- (a) Governors or agencies so designated by Governors of States;
- (b) Chief executive officers of cities or counties, or their designated agencies or organizations; and
- (c) Sub-state planning and development organizations (including redevelopment areas and economic development districts).

#### § 307.31 Selection process.

Projects will be selected in accordance with § 304.1 of this chapter.

#### § 307.32 Evaluation criteria.

In addition to and/or as an elaboration of the evaluation criteria set forth in part 304 of this chapter and to the extent practicable, EDA will evaluate projects on the following:

- (a) Overall quality of the proposal;
- (b) Extent to which the proposed planning activities are expected to:

(1) Impact upon the service area's economic development needs; and

(2) Address the problems of the unemployed and underemployed of the area, including minorities, workers displaced by plant closings, etc.;

(c) The proximity of the performing office to the chief executive (i.e., likelihood that the activities will have a significant influence on the policy and decision making process);

(d) Past performance of currently or formerly funded grantees, when applicable;

(e) The amount of local participation provided as matching share to the Federal funds; and

(f) Other characteristics, such as involvement of the private sector businesses and professional groups in the proposed activities, and particularly for states, the innovativeness of the proposed approach and replicability of the model process or results.

#### § 307.33 Award requirements.

(a) Assistance will be for the period of time required to complete the work. This period is normally 12 to 18 months.

(b) Grant assistance may be provided for up to 75 percent of project costs. Applicants will be required to provide the remaining share, preferably in cash.

### PART 308—REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS UNDER THE TITLE IX ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

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#### § 308.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) The Economic Adjustment Program addresses the particular needs of